

REMARKSDrawing/Specification

The Examiner has objected to the drawing as not including the reference sign "260" mentioned in the specification on page 11, line 6. The specification is amended to replace the incorrect reference number "260" with the correct reference number "245" as is shown in Figure 4b.

Claims

The Examiner has objected to claim 8 as being improperly dependent from claim 1. Claim 8 is amended hereby to make it dependent from claim 7, as proposed by the Examiner.

The claims are also amended to more clearly recite Applicant's invention, to delete or modify overly limiting language and to add new claims 18 and 19 which are more specific to embodiments of Applicant's invention.

Rejection under 35 USC §102(e)

Attorney for Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 1-2, 5-8 and 11-17 under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Tucker et al. (US Patent 6,590,604).

To anticipate a claim, a reference must teach every element of the claim (MPEP §2131). The portion of Tucker et al referred to by the Examiner merely refers to a conventional camera tracking system

(including an electro-mechanical apparatus for adjusting the pan and tilt angle and zoom setting of a video camera) for automatically aiming the camera at the user based on acoustic localization, video image analysis, or other well-known technique. Contrary to what is stated by the Examiner, there is no teaching of the specific method steps recited in claims 1, 2 and 5-8 or of the specific apparatus recited in claims 11-17.

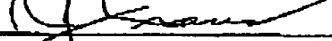
Rejection under 35 USC §103(a)

Attorney for Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 3-4 and 9-10 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tucker et al in view of Nagata (US Patent 6,157,403). This patent appears to relate to the detection of objects by the use of transmitted sound waves, even if the object is out of the visual field of a camera. Attorney for Applicant fails to see the relevance of this patent to high level parameters of an object contained in a scene viewed by a camera.

Concluding remarks

In view of the foregoing amendment and comments, it is submitted that all claims now in the application are patentable over the prior art and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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